**Romeo & Juliet Web Quest English9**

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**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* **Shakespeare was born in April of 1564.**

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* **We recognize April 23, 1564.**

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* **Stratford-upon-Avon was an important agricultural center and market place.**

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* **Shakespeare was associated with The Queen’s Men company.**

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* **Romeo and Juliet was probably written in 1595.**

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* **The timbers were taken from the Rose Theater to build The Globe.**
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* **The carpenter was Peter Smith.**
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* **His share was one-fifth of fifty percent.**

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* **He died on April 23, 1616. It is an interesting day because it was his birthday. He was 52 when he died.**

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* **A betrothal is an engagement between two people who agree to a contract.**
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* **Three customs are that the man gives the woman a ring, the wedding garland is of rosemary and roses, and the contract is sealed with a kiss.**

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* **The dress should be any color that the bride wishes.**
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* **It is announced three times in the church on consecutive Sundays. If it is not announced, the marriage is considered illegal.**
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* **It is a long procession of the bride, the bridesmaids, the groom, the families, and the guests going to the houses of the church. It is very noisy and is accompanied by musicians.**
  1. What is a dowry?
* **A dowry is the money, goods, and property that the bride brings to the marriage.**

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* **The wedding ring is of the same importance as it is today.**

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* **People generally ate two meals a day.**

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* **Shakespeare would not know what a chocolate chip cookie is because chocolate was not yet used for baking. It was very bitter and tasted of chilies.**

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* **If I were planning a party, I would use celery and parsnips as the vegetables, plums and figs as the fruits, and beef and boar as the meats.**

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## Web quest PART 2

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* **Wherefore means why.**

1. What does "stay" mean?

* **Stay means to wait.**

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || || **A- Good day. Pray Pardon.**

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. |  |

**B- God save you!**

**A- Gramercy.**

**B-Say, do you know where the privy is?**

**A- Certes. It’s down the street in the Kings Tavern.**

**B- I thank thee. Goodbye.**  
  
**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* **There were no women in the company.**

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* **Yes, Shakespeare was an actor and the term that was used to refer to actors was “players”.**

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* **The seating arrangements were close-packed and one got a good a seat by coming early.**

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* **The audience could pelt the actors with anything they had handy if they didn’t like the performance.**

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

* **Thou mewling motley-minded miscreant.**